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The Song of Our Syrian Guest.

By William Allen Knight.

"Faduel Moghabghab," said our guest, laughing as he leaned over the tea-table toward two little maids, vainly trying to beguile their willing and sweetly puckered lips into pronouncing his name. "Faduel Moghabghab," he repeated in syllables, pointing to the card he had passed to them. "Accent the u and drop those g's which your little throats cannot manage," he went on kindly, while the merriment sparkled in his lustrous dark eyes, and his milk-white teeth, seen through his black mustache as he laughed, added beauty to his delicate and vivacious face.

He was a man of winsome mind, this Syrian guest of ours, and the spirituality of his culture was as marked as the refinement of his manners. We shall long remember him for the tales told that evening of his home in Ainzealta on the slope of the Syrian mountains, but longest of all for what he said out of the memories of his youth about a shepherd song.

"It was out of the shepherd life of my country," he remarked, "that there came long ago that sweetest religious song ever written—the Twenty-third Psalm."

After the ripple of his merriment with the children had passed he turned to me with a face now serious and pensive, and said: "Ah, so many things familiar to us are strange to you of America." "Yes," I answered, "and no doubt because of this we often make mistakes which are more serious than mispronunciation of your modern names." He smiled pleasantly, then with earnestness said: "So many things in the life of my people, the same now as in the days of old, have been woven into the words of the Bible and into the conceptions of religious ideas as expressed there: you of the Western World not knowing these things as they are, often misunderstand what is written or at least fail to get a correct impression from it."

"Tell us about some of these," I ventured, with a parental glance at two listening little faces.

After mentioning several instances, he went on: "And there is the shepherd psalm; I find that it is taken among you as having two parts, the first under the figure of shepherd life, the second turning

to the figure of a banquet with the host and the guest."

"O, we have talked about that," said my lady of the teacups as she dangled the teaball with a connoisseur's fondness, "and we have even said that we wished the wonderful little psalm could have been finished in the one figure of shepherd life."

"It seems to us," I added, wishing to give suitable support to my lady's rather brave declaration of our sense of a literary flaw in the matchless psalm, "it seems to us to lose the sweet, simple melody and to close with strange, heavy chords when it changes to a scene of banquet hospitality. Do you mean that it actually keeps the shepherd figure to the end?"

"Certainly, good friends."

With keen personal interest I asked him to tell us how we might see it as a shepherd psalm throughout. So we listened and he talked over the cooling teacups.

"It is all, all a simple shepherd psalm," he began. "See how it runs through the round of shepherd life from first word to last."

With softly modulated voice that had the rhythm of music and the hush of veneration in it, he quoted: "'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.' There is the opening strain of its music; in that chord is sounded the keynote which is never lost till the plaintive melody dies away at the song's end. All that follows is that thought put in varying light." I wish it were possible to reproduce here the light in his face and the interchange of tones in his mellow voice as he went on.

"'He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;' nourishment, rest. 'He leadeth me beside the still waters'; refreshment. You think here of quietly flowing streams and get only another picture of rest. But streams are few in that shepherd country, and the shepherds do not rely on them. To the shepherds 'the still waters' are wells and cisterns, and he leads his sheep to these still waters not for rest but to bring up water to quench their thirst." Then he talked of how the varied needs of the sheep and the many-sided care of the shepherd are pictured with consum-

mate skill in the short sentences of the psalm. "Each is distinct and adds something too precious to be merged and lost," he said.

"'He restoreth my soul;' you know," he said, turning to me, "that 'soul' means the life or one's self in the Hebrew writings." Then addressing all he went on: "There are private fields and gardens and vineyards in the shepherd country and if the sheep stray into them and be caught there it is forfeited to the owner of the land. So, 'He restoreth my soul' means 'the shepherd brings me back and rescues my life from forbidden and fatal places'."

"'Restores me when wandering' is the way it is put in one of our hymns," I interposed.

"Ah, sir, that is it exactly," he answered, "'Restores me when wandering!'"

"'He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake;' often have I roamed through the shepherd country in my youth and watched how hard it is to choose the right path for the sheep; one leads to a precipice, another to a place where the sheep cannot find the way back; and the shepherd was always going ahead, 'leading' them in the right paths, proud of his good name as a shepherd.

"Some paths that are right paths still lead through places that have deadly perils; 'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,' is the way the psalm touches this fact in shepherd life. This way of naming the valley is very true to our country. I remember one near my home called 'the valley of robbers' and another 'the ravine of the raven.' You see 'the valley of the shadow of death' is a name drawn from my country's old custom. And so is the phrase 'Thy rod and thy staff,' for the shepherds carry a weapon for defense and one for guidance. Ah, madam, you should see the sheep cuddle near the shepherd to understand that word, 'They comfort me.' The shepherd's call 'Ta-a-a-a, Ho-o-o-o,' and the answering patter of feet as the sheep hurry to him, are fit sounds to be chosen out of the noisy world to show what comfort God gives to souls that heed his voice; and those sounds have been heard in my country this day as they were the day this shepherd psalm was written!"

He sat in silence a moment musing as if the sound was in his ear.

With quiet animation he lifted his thin hand and continued: "Now here is where

you drop the shepherd figure and put in a banquet and so lose the fine climax of completeness in the shepherd's care." It need not be said that we were eager listeners now, for our guest was all aglow with memories of his far-off homeland and we felt that we were about to see new rays of light flash from this rarest gem in the song-treasury of the world.

"'Thou preparest a table before me—in the presence of mine enemies,'" In the same hushed voice in which he quoted these words he added: "Ah, to think that the shepherd's highest skill and heroism should be lost from view as the psalm begins to sing of it, and only an indoor banquet thought of!" Again he sat in silence a moment. Then he said:

"There is no higher task of the shepherd in my country than to go from time to time to study places and examine the grass and find a good and safe feeding place for his sheep. All his skill and often great heroism are called for. There are many poisonous plants in the grass and the shepherd must find and avoid them. A cousin of mine once lost three hundred sheep by a mistake in this hard task.

"Then there are snake holes and the snakes bite the noses of the sheep if they be not driven away. The shepherd must burn the fat of hogs at the holes to do this. And around the feeding-ground which the shepherd thus prepares, in holes and caves in the hillsides there are jackals, wolves, hyenas, and tigers too, and the bravery and skill of the shepherd are at the highest point in closing up these dens with stones or slaying the wild beasts with his long-bladed knife. Of nothing do you hear shepherds boasting more proudly than of their achievements in this part of their care of flocks. And now," he exclaimed with a beaming countenance and suppressed feeling, as if pleading for recognition of the lone shepherd's bravest act of devotion to his sheep, "and now do you not see the shepherd figure in that quaint line 'Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies?'"

"Yes," I answered, "and I see that God's care of a man out in the world is a grander thought than that of seating him at an indoor banquet table."

"But what about anointing the head with oil and the cup running over? Go on, my friend."

"O, there begins the beautiful picture at the end of the day. The psalm has

sung of the whole round of the day's wandering, all the needs of the sheep, all the care of the shepherd. Now the psalm closes with the last scene of the day. At the door of the sheepfold the shepherd stands and 'the rodding of the sheep' takes place. The shepherd stands turning his body to let the sheep pass; he is the door, as Christ said of himself. With his rod he holds back the sheep while he inspects them one by one as they pass into the fold. He has the horn filled with olive oil and he has cedar-tar, and he anoints a knee bruised on the rocks or a side scratched by thorns. And here comes one that is not bruised but is simply worn and exhausted; he bathes its face and head with the refreshing olive oil and takes the large two-handled cup and dips it brimming full from the vessel of water provided for that purpose, and lets the weary sheep drink. There is nothing finer in the psalm than this. God's care is not for the

wounded only, but for the worn and weary also. 'He anointeth thy head with oil, my cup runneth over.'

"And then, when the day is done and the sheep are snug within the fold, what contentment, what rest under the starry sky! Then comes the thought of deepest repose and comfort: 'Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,' as they have through all the wanderings of the day now ended.

"The song dies away as the heart that God has watched and tended breathes this grateful vow before the roaming of the day is forgot in sleep: 'I will—not shall, but will; for it is a decision, a settled purpose, a holy vow—I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.' And the song ends, and the sheep are at rest, safe in the good shepherd's fold."

Do you wonder that ever since that night we have called this psalm *The Song of Our Syrian Guest*?



E A S T E R .

SUSAN COOLIDGE.

When the snow was deep, we said:

'Tis a coverlet, gently spread—

Spread and folded tenderly

Where the sleeping lilies lie;

Fold on fold of fleecy white,

Cold to touch and pure to sight,

Wrapped about the deep repose

Of the violet and the rose.

Softly speak and lightly tread,

Death is guarding Life, we said.

When the Spring was late, we said,

While the storm-wind blew o'erhead,

God's dear Springtime doth but wait;

Come it soon or come it late,

Come it slow or come it fast,

It shall surely come at last.

Frosts may blight and buds be few;

Still the promise standeth true.

Though the earth seem sore bestead,

God doth not forget, we said.

When our souls were dark, we said:

Courage, soul, be comforted!

Every life some hardness knows,

Winter time and heavy snows;

Every heart must learn to wait,

Though the Spring be cold and late;

Prayers in time shall change to praise,

Easter crown the Lenten days;

Christ is risen from the dead;

Christ shall raise us, too, we said.

The Pastor's Message.

It is our chief business as Christians to save souls. We are perhaps more anxious to evade this supreme work than any other of our duties in connection with the life of the church. With many lesser labors we seek to still our consciences and satisfy our souls. Yet the responsibility remains. There is a burden for each of us which no one else can carry. What a revival we would have if everyone would consent cheerfully and eagerly to bear his own burden, to approach the people whom he can best win for God and the higher life, to enter heartily into direct and personal endeavor for the conversion of men.

Last Sunday was a memorable day, and largely through the faithful devotion of members of Deacon Ahrens' Bible class, whose prayer-service supplied the keynote for the worship and work of the entire day. The after-meeting in the evening was especially impressive. Most earnest petitions were offered for the blessing of God upon our church, and for individual consecration. The Holy Spirit, I believe, is striving for more perfect mastery in many hearts. Let us not grieve Him! Let us yield loyally to His guidance! Let us remember, by prayer and hand-to-hand effort, the unsaved in our midst! Let us lay aside every weight and follow Christ Jesus in the way, even though it be the hard rough way of Calvary!

Almost 400 people remained and partook of the communion service on Sunday morning. According to the records this number has only been exceeded once during the present pastorate, and that was a year ago, when communion Sunday and Easter day fell together, and 453 were in attendance. The Sunday School had 500 last Sunday. This, with the exception of "special" occasions such as Christmas and Easter, is more than on any Sunday for some years past, so Superintendent Whitman tells me. The strength of the adult classes is most encouraging.

The census, Miss Van Fleet's careful visitation, the canvass of the District Committees, Mr. Merrifield's vigorous efforts, the activity of the Christian Endeavor worker's band, are producing helpful results. Recently, at their banquet, the Board of Ushers adopted a plan for extending a welcome every week, in the name of the church, to the guests of the various hotels in the city. Certain pews

are reserved for their use, and they are cordially invited to the public services, printed programmes of the order of worship accompanying the invitations. The idea originated with Mr. Harry Valette, whose official position at the Victoria Hotel enabled him to secure the attention of the authorities of the various hotels, and their good-will and interest in our plan.

Several of the members of the Men's League have been considering very earnestly the future of that organization. Apart from its monthly meetings what has it ever really accomplished? More frequent meetings have been held during the past year or two, but where is the vigorous and practical efficiency of the organization? What is its *raison d'être*? Would it not be better to look toward a strong Men's Bible class, concentrating the energies there and having a monthly meeting for social purposes, as a branch or department of the Bible class work? When can a leader be secured for such an undertaking? These are some of the questions that are being discussed. I believe that we will soon have a strong men's organization. Let us now turn our thoughts in that direction.

Your Pastor,
Austen Kennedy de Blois.

THE MORNING OF EASTER DAY.

It is the morning of life.

There could not be a greater contrast than that which we witness between the disciples of Jesus before His death and after His resurrection. They are the same men, and yet they are different. Their minds are enlightened and enlarged. Their hope springs into life. Their courage is as the courage of heroes. More than once their Master had occasion to reproach them for the feebleness of their faith. All at once they rise to a sublimity of faith which surprises the world. Once they could not rid themselves of the idea of a temporal and worldly kingdom. But after the resurrection the spiritual nature of the kingdom of God becomes clear to them.

If we shall receive the benefits of this Easter morning we, too, shall experience a wonderful resurrection. New victory, new life, new hope shall come into our souls. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."—Sel.

The Church at Work

Sunday School

We are glad to welcome the return of Bro. Fred Allen. He is one of the Secretaries in the Intermediate Department, a work with which he is familiar, and which he performed most successfully several years ago. He has set a good example for other workers, who have had a good rest, and we hope to welcome them back soon.

We extend to Bro. Vaughan a most cordial welcome to our Church and Sunday School. Until recently he has been a worker in the Calvary Baptist Church, of this city. He brings experience and energy, which will be much appreciated and very helpful, as one of the Secretaries in the Primary Department.

It is most gratifying and very encouraging to see Miss Young in her old place, as Assistant Superintendent in the Primary Department, entering the work with her old time energy and deep interest. We are truly thankful she has accepted a position in the City and is to be with us permanently.

Early and Regular Attendance Banner.

Mrs. L. H. Smith's class of the Intermediate Department, had the best record for early and regular attendance, and was presented with the silk banner on Sunday, March 19th. They have our hearty congratulations, and we would urge them to strive to hold it against all comers; at the same time, we urge each of the other classes to strive to gain it, by having a perfect record.

Chinese Brethren.

We had the pleasure, on Sunday, March 12th, of a visit from some of our young Chinese brethren, and were entertained by the Chinese Quartet, Messrs. Lee, Lewis, Don Sang and Afoosben. They favored each department of the school, and their singing was much enjoyed and appreciated by all. We are anticipating the pleasure of another visit and musical treat ere long.

Social.

A social will be given by the teachers and officers on the evening of **Monday, May 8th**. Please do not forget the date—make a note of it, and do not let anything prevent your coming. You will notice this is

not a teachers' social, but a social given by them. The members of the Adult Bible Class, also those of the Guild, Lorimer and Miss E. Pickett's Class, are cordially invited. We also extend to your husbands, wives and friends a most cordial and urgent invitation. All come, and enjoy a social evening together. You will not doubt the attractiveness of the program, when you read the names of those on the committee to wit: Misses Blanche Harvey, Leila Ahrens, Jeanne Ware, Fannie Marshall and Grace Googins.

Teachers' Instruction Class.

Monday evening, March 27th, closed this season's course of Lesson Instruction and talks on Adolescence, by Mrs. Lamoreaux.

The class has been a great success in every way. The attendance has been good, steadily increasing each week—some 80 or more being present on the last evening. Its membership represented some 6 or 8 different denominations. It has been a great help to the teachers, also the mothers. All who have attended regularly have had a spiritual uplift—feel more deeply the responsibility God has placed upon them. Their interest in, and knowledge of, their boys and girls has been greatly increased, and they are better prepared for the work to which they have been called by the Master. It has also brought together in sweet Christian fellowship the workers in different Sunday Schools on the South Side. All are looking forward to, and anxiously waiting for the fall, when we hope to begin another course of study with Mrs. Lamoreaux. We take this opportunity of thanking the Trustees for the use of the Sunday School room—and to those who, though not members of the class, generously contributed to its support, thereby enabling us to meet all expenses. We extend our heartfelt thanks, and assure them it was greatly appreciated by every member of the class. We know, from what has been said, they never made a better investment. As one member of the class said, "they will never know until they reach heaven, the great benefit their money has been to many, nor to what extent it has advanced the Master's work."

Adult Bible Class.

We feel truly thankful for, and deeply appreciate the interest, manifested by the members of the Adult Bible Class—not only in their own class, but in the school at large. Their influence is far-reaching and is felt directly and indirectly throughout all the departments, and will be productive of great good to all. Under the able leadership of Deacon Ahrens the class is growing numerically and spiritually. No one in our church, who can possibly attend, can afford to miss the opportunity. A hearty invitation is extended to all. Come and bring a friend.

Congratulations.

The school is to be congratulated on the continued improvement all along the line. It is now the exception, instead of the rule, for an officer or teacher to be late. Punctuatedly is one of the foundation stones necessary to good character building and success. Let the improvement, in this direction, continue, until every one, scholar included, is in his or her place when the roll is called.

We are very thankful that Miss Tolman and Bro. Chase, both of whom are in the Baptist Hospital, are doing nicely and hope to leave there in a short time.

We very much regret that Bro. Merri-field is to leave us. He will be sadly missed in more ways than one, and the Primary Department will lose a very efficient teacher and congenial co-worker. He had charge of the boys graduating class, to each of whom he has endeared himself, and for whom he has a strong attachment. We wish him joy and success in whatever field the Lord may call him.

LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Mrs. W. Morava, Dept. Editor.

The two meetings of the Ladies' Benevolent Society held in the month of March, were well attended and overflowing with abundant good cheer and cordiality. Five new members have recently been added to the society. The motion to continue the meetings until June, was carried without a dissenting voice, proving that the keenest interest is felt in the society. March 17th, in order to give variety, the president

waved parliamentary law and invited the second vice-president to preside. The main feature of the day was an interesting talk by Miss Megow, a representative of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Miss Megow painted a picture so vivid and terrible that it will remain a long time in the memories of her fascinated audience.

Afternoon Tea.

Mrs. C. H. Hoops and Mrs. T. J. Holmes, entertained the society on March 31st, at a tea, given at the home of Mrs. Holmes. A large number greatly enjoyed the hospitality so generously given.

WOMAN'S MISSION CIRCLE.

Mrs. S. B. Lingle, Dept. Editor.

The March meeting of the Mission Circle was pronounced by all present an especially enjoyable one. The assurance that our apportionment would be met awakened gratitude, and Dr. Anna Scott's informal talk seemed a fitting close to the year's study of China.

Mrs. Ketman told of beginnings of woman's work in China from kindergarten up to medical missions, and illustrated its power and beneficence by the changed attitude of the Chinese toward footbinding.

Dr. Scott told us of Sister Speed's faithful life, and took us through some of her own varied experiences, when like the Master of old, she ministered from village to village to the sick and suffering.

Mrs. Googins read a paper prepared by Mrs. Haigh, entitled Missionaries to China I Have Known, in which brief descriptions were given of Miss Norwood, Miss Adele Field, Miss Minnie Buzzell, Dr. Daniels, Mrs. Wm. Ashmore, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Scott. The program was enjoyed from first to last.

The next Circle meeting on April fourteenth, will be given to the study of the Indians, and a very careful program has been prepared.

THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST MISSION UNION.

The First Church had the pleasure of entertaining the Union on March fourteenth. In spite of an unexpected snow-

storm the attendance was large and the reports encouraging. In the afternoon Miss Bare spoke of the Indians past and present, of Rainy Mountain Church, with 140 members sending one thousand dollars last year to the Home Mission Society, of Saddle Mountain Church, with 93 members giving six hundred dollars.

Dr. Scott was listened to with great interest while she spoke of Half-Open doors in China.

The officers chosen for the year, were: President, Mrs. Jno. Nuveen; First Vice-President, Mrs. E. D. Johnson; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. E. Shelly; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Tagg; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. B. Gear.

THE YOUNG LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

May E. Fralick, Dept. Editor.

The regular meeting of the Young Ladies' Missionary Society was held on Wednesday afternoon, March the twenty-ninth, at the home of Miss May E. Fralick. The girls hemmed towels for the Baptist Hospital; and five or six chapters more of "Korno Siga" were read and discussed.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April the nineteenth, at the home of Miss Florence Raymond.

ANOTHER C. E. VICTORY.

Our Society carried off the banner for the best attendance at the grand rally held in our church last week. Mr. Van Meter is already laying plans for the outdoor work this coming summer.

PERSONALS AND OTHER NOTES.

Are you praying for a revival in our church?

We are glad to see Miss Mitchell with us again.

Church Life is fifty cents. Are you a subscriber?

Mr. Temple Williams is spending a few days' vacation at home.

Mrs. and Miss Knight have returned from their visit in the south.

Our sympathies as a church go out to Mrs. Kellar in her very great affliction.

We can supply a few back numbers of **Church Life** to those who wish to have a complete file.

Mrs. R. R. Donnelly has recently returned from the south and will sail for the continent this month.

It is a great pleasure for us to welcome our pastor's mother at our services. She will spend several months in Chicago.

Don't mail your own copy of **Church Life** to your friends. Subscribe for the friends so they may be kept in touch with the church work each month.

Save all the things you do not need for the rummage sale to be given by the ladies at Raymond in the near future. Give your name and address to Mr. Embree and goods will be called for.

We are glad to report that contracts have been let for the erection of the new Chapel in accordance with the resolution passed March 22nd. The work will now be pushed as rapidly as possible. All pledges unpaid should be in the hands of Mr. Piercey not later than May 1st.

The Men's League entertainment on last Tuesday evening was a great success. A goodly number were present but many more would have been out had they known the high quality of the program. It is understood that the League will give another entertainment in about a month.

FOUR STEPS TO POWER.

What God claims I yield
What I yield he accepts
What he accepts he fills
What he fills he uses.

Smile, once in a while,
'Twill make your heart seem lighter;
Smile once in a while
'Twill make your pathway brighter.
Life's like a mirror; if we smile
Smiles come back to greet us;
If we're frowning all the while,
Frowns forever meet us.

—Nixon Waterman.



Christ Before Pilate, by Minikaezy.



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AN AWAKENING.

Some very interesting conditions prevail just now in the Adult Bible Class, taught by Deacon Ahrens. On Sunday, March 25th, the teacher was moved at the close of the lesson to speak in a very earnest and tender way of the unusual visitation of spiritual power which has come to many localities in this country and abroad, mentioning at the same time his own great desire and hunger of soul that his class should share too in such a good work in some way, and then by the blessing of the Spirit, through their prayers and by renewed activity seek to bring others into enjoyment of similar blessings.

A fire of spiritual energy and desire was quickly kindled that burned brightly in every heart present, as the class room, sharing the spirit of their teacher, changed to a room of prayer. During the week that followed the class, dwelling much meantime in the atmosphere of prayer that had been awakened by their leader's searching and serious words of the week before

were, as a natural consequence, of one accord and one mind as they came together last Sunday morning and although many new faces were seen and welcomed in the class, all seemed in harmony with the burden of prayer abroad in that now crowded room.

Much desire is felt and great hope is entertained that these conditions which are taken as droppings of the Spirit may grow until the spiritual sky is overcast and a great shower falls into thirsty souls and a harvest of souls garnered to the glory of God and the good shepherd of the sheep.

RAYMOND CHAPEL.

The Mission Committee plans hereafter to publish each month a statement of the amounts paid in by the different organizations and the amounts that they have promised toward the new Chapel building.

The figures given below this month may contain some slight errors but are approximately correct and we hope to see them grow from month to month. Mr. M. J. Piercy, 510 Pullman Bldg., and Mr. Richard B. Twiss, Church Treasurer, are taking charge of the collections for this fund and have been working hard on the subscription lists. At the present time the figures stand about as follows:

	Promised	Paid.
Men's League.....	\$2500.00....	572.00
Benevolent Society...	1200.00....	1240.25
C. E. Society.....	1000.00....	306.36
Amoret Henson Guild.	100.00....	52.00

Mr. Perkins informs us that the C. E. Society will be able to add about \$200.00 to their payments during this month and Mr. Barron has secured gifts of stone and cash that will increase the amount to the credit of the Men's League by about \$200.00 to \$250.00 during the next thirty days.

It is our purpose to raise the money before it is spent so that we can go into the new building free of debt. And in order to accomplish this every one must do his part.

Excavating work on the new site was commenced this week and we hope to have the contracts signed and everything in shape to go right ahead on the building.

RAYMOND NOTES.

Woman's Aid Society.

Our Woman's Aid Society has indeed wrought a triumph. Our meetings have increased in attendance rapidly. Our meeting last month showed a spirit of helpfulness and prayer and also that our members have taken new interest. Mrs. Embree led the meeting with the delightful subject of "Cheerfulness," which was earnestly talked upon by all who were present. Our president Mrs. Frateigh gave us a very interesting talk, followed by a word of prayer from Mrs. Johnson. There is not one who has enrolled her name on our books, but who has shown a keen interest and a desire to help.

Mrs. Embree suggested at our last meeting that a sewing circle be held at the homes of our members to sew for charitable purposes. At that same meeting we planned our Dime Social to be held at the home of Mrs. Wadie, the proceeds to go toward defraying the expenses of furnishing the ladies' parlor in our new Chapel. Owing to the cheerfulness of our hostess, the hard work of Mrs. Johnson, and the sociability of our president, our social was a success. Calling and personal interest and a warm welcome have indeed wrought wonders for us, and the splendid efforts of our workers are telling.

The Reeder Class.

The boys of Mr. Reeder's class have, for a long time, felt that through organization, they could best accomplish their work. With this purpose in view, a meeting was held on March 25. Officers were elected, a committee on constitution appointed and plans for the pleasure and profit of the members were discussed.

The boys are enthusiastic about their new organization and all are pledged to help make it a success. Several volunteered to bring in new members and all seemed to have a good spirit of willingness to help in every possible way. At present there are eighteen enrolled and more are in sight. We hope to make the club or society of so much interest and value that no boy of suitable age will feel satisfied unless he belongs.

The plans formulated include a class for gymnasium work, a corps for military drill and music, together with literary features and opportunities for educational work. Any or all of these aims may be carried out.

That the boys are serious and earnest in this work is very evident from their choice of officers. Sidney Crozier has been chosen president. The other officers are:

Vice President—Walter Chase.

Secretary—Phares Minnich.

Treasurer—Roy Wadie.

It is hoped that much may be done for the implanting of proper ideals and the up-building of the manhood of our boys.

C. E. Notes.

Our Society has added nine new members during the last month, making a total of forty-two.

The monthly executive meeting of the Society was held Thursday evening, March 30th. New plans were discussed and many new lines of work were devised.

The missionary meeting was well attended, and everyone enjoyed Miss Reed's talk on her work among the West Virginia miners.

Notes.

Mr. Henry Chase who has been in the Baptist Hospital for nearly three weeks, is improving satisfactorily and hopes to be with us again soon.

Miss Nellie Golland, many years a member of our school, is also at the Baptist Hospital recovering from an operation for appendicitis. We are glad to know she is gaining strength rapidly.

Mrs. Isabel Mathie had the misfortune to sprain her ankle while returning home from the Mission two weeks ago and has been confined to the house since.

Under the auspices of the Women's Society a very enjoyable social was given last month at the homes of Mr. Embree and Mr. Wadie, who occupy adjoining flats at 3256 Union Ave. The rooms were crowded and the utmost good-fellowship prevailed. It was good to see present some who have not been with us of late who formerly were regular attendants at the Chapel. Among them were Mrs. Louis Reeder, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Reeder, Mrs. Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. Christenson and Mrs. Monroe. Some of these now live too far away to attend regularly but we hope to enlist the rest as regular workers again.

The hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Wadie in opening their home to us was the more appreciated because they did so notwithstanding their son Roy was suffering from painful injuries received by being knocked from a street car. He was badly bruised and suffered a broken collar bone but most fortunately escaped more serious hurt.

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H. F. Perkins, Church Clerk.

March 1, Wednesday—Monthly covenant meeting.

March 3, Friday—Meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Christian Endeavor prayer meeting led by Miss Mary Marx. Topic: "The making of a Christian; his speech." Ps. 145:1-12, 21; Matt. 10:32, 33.

March 4, Saturday—Boys' Club.

March 5, Sunday—Preaching in the morning by Dr. Nathaniel Butler and in the evening by Dr. C. R. Henderson.

March 6, Monday—Sunday School teachers' study class. Young people's social given by the Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society.

March 8, Wednesday—Church prayer and social service led by the Ass't Pastor. Theme: "How can we please God?" Meeting of the Young Ladies' Missionary Society at the home of Miss McCullough.

March 9, Thursday—Social of the Amoret Henson Guild Bible Class.

March 10, Friday—Meeting of the Women's Mission Circle, addressed by Mrs. Dr. Scott. Christian Endeavor prayer meeting.

Christian Endeavor prayer meeting. Topic: "The Great Physician." Luke 4:16-19; 5:27-32; 1 Pet. 2:24. A Leaderless Meeting.

March 11, Saturday—The Boys' Club.

March 12, Sunday—Sermons by the Pastor. Morning theme: "Company No. 1, King's Own;" evening theme: "A Bold Iconoclast. The Young Farmer Who Led Heroes Amid an Army of Cowards."

March 13, Monday—Sunday school teachers' study class. Sewing meeting of the Amoret Henson Guild.

March 14, Tuesday—Monthly meeting of the Board of Deacons. Annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union. Addresses by Mrs. Dr. Scott on "The Half-Open Door of China" and by Miss K. E. Bare on "Saddle Mountain and Sunlight Mission."

March 15, Wednesday—Church prayer and social service.

March 17, Friday—Meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Christian Endeavor monthly missionary meeting led by Miss Helen Pickett. The work of the Baptist Chinese Mission on Clark St. was presented.

March 18, Saturday—The Boys' Club.

March 19, Sunday—In the morning Dr. E. W. Lounsbury, Sec. American Baptist Missionary Union spoke. In the evening

the Pastor preached on "A Princely Anarchist. The Young Man Who Broke His Father's Heart."

March 20, Monday—Sunday school teachers' study class.

March 21, Tuesday—Meeting of the Men's League addressed by Mr. Naotaro Otsuka on "Japan's Terms of Peace."

March 22, Wednesday—Church prayer and social service.

March 23, Thursday—South Division Christian Endeavor Union rally. General theme "Out-door Evangelistic Work." The address of the evening was given by Dr. John Balcon Shaw.

March 24, Friday—Christian Endeavor prayer meeting led by Mr. Hessler. Topic: "Glorifying God in our daily work. Matt. 5:13-16. Rom. 12:11.

March 25, Saturday—The Boys' Club.

March 26, Sunday—Sermons by the Pastor. Morning theme: "Mind Reader and Faith Healer;" evening: "A Righteous Ruler. The Young King Who Resisted Evil."

March 27, Monday—Monthly meeting and supper of the Amoret Henson Guild. Sunday school teachers' study class.

March 29, Wednesday—Church covenant meeting. Topic "Our Duty. 2 Cor. 4:1-5.

March 31, Friday—An Embroidery Tea at the residence of Mrs. T. J. Holmes, given by Mrs. Holmes and Mr. S. Hoops. Christian Endeavor prayer meeting led by Dr. de Blois. Topic: The making of a Christian; his food." 2 Tim. 3:14-17, John 6:47-58.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP.

Additions.

By Baptism:

Mr. Noah J. Abram, 5328 Justine St.

By Experience:

Miss Marie Hansen, 2821 Prairie Ave.

By Letter:

Miss O. E. Hosman, 3112 Prairie Ave.

Miss Irene Harris, 3953 Michigan Ave.

Mrs. Ella A. S. Austin, 40 E. 32nd St.

Mrs. F. C. Nolgast, 300 E. 31st St.

Mr. Frank C. Vaughn, 3819 Michigan Av.

Mr. James C. Graham, 3130 Michigan Av.

Mr. Hubert L. Sparks, 80 Institute Place.

Diminutions.

By Letter:

Mrs. C. A. Ayres.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Holman.

Miss Ada Holman.